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April 22, 2003

David L. Smelley, REP
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RE: EMERGENCY REQUEST OF April 21, 2003
SAND(s): COTTON VALLEY FORMATION, RESERVOIR A
FIELD: EAST CHATHAM FIELD
PARISH: Jackson Parish, Louisiana
APPLICANT: RANGER INVESTMENTS, INC.


Dear Mr. Smelley:

Because of the reason set forth in your emergency request letter, it has been determined that undue hardship would be caused by the 20-day delay prescribed in Rule 3 of the Revised Rules of Procedure, effective October 11, 1983. You are therefore permitted to immediately file your application in compliance with Rule 8 of the Revised Rules of Procedure.

Yours truly,

JAMES H. WELSH
COMMISSIONER OF CONSERVATION

BY: _____


John R. Aldridge, Director
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Mr. John R. Aldridge
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Re: REQUEST FOR WAIVER OF PRE-APPLICATION
NOTICE REQUIREMENT.

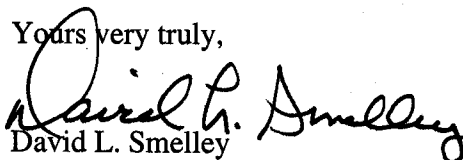
Cotton Valley Formation, Reservoir A, EAST
CHATHAM FIELD, Jackson Parish, Louisiana.

Dear Mr. Aldridge:

Attached is a plat reflecting the four (4) units which Ranger Investments, Inc. ("Ranger"), intends to request for the captioned interval in East Chatham Field. In proposed unit CV RA SUB, all of the leases are beyond their primary terms and were being maintained by unit operations for the Hosston Formation in the Ranger--Devon-Donner No. 1 Well. It has been determined that this well drilled below the unitized Hosston Formation and encountered a productive Cotton Valley interval. Accordingly, the non-drillsite leases are now in their rework period and unitization of the Cotton Valley Formation must be accomplished by June 12, 2003, in order to perpetuate these non-drillsite leases.

Accordingly, pursuant to Rule 8 of the Revised Rules of Procedure, it is respectfully requested that Ranger be allowed to utilize the emergency procedure in the calling of a public hearing for creation of the units shown on the attached plat so that unitization can be accomplished prior to expiration of the leasehold rights of Ranger as noted above.

Yours very truly,


David L. Smelley

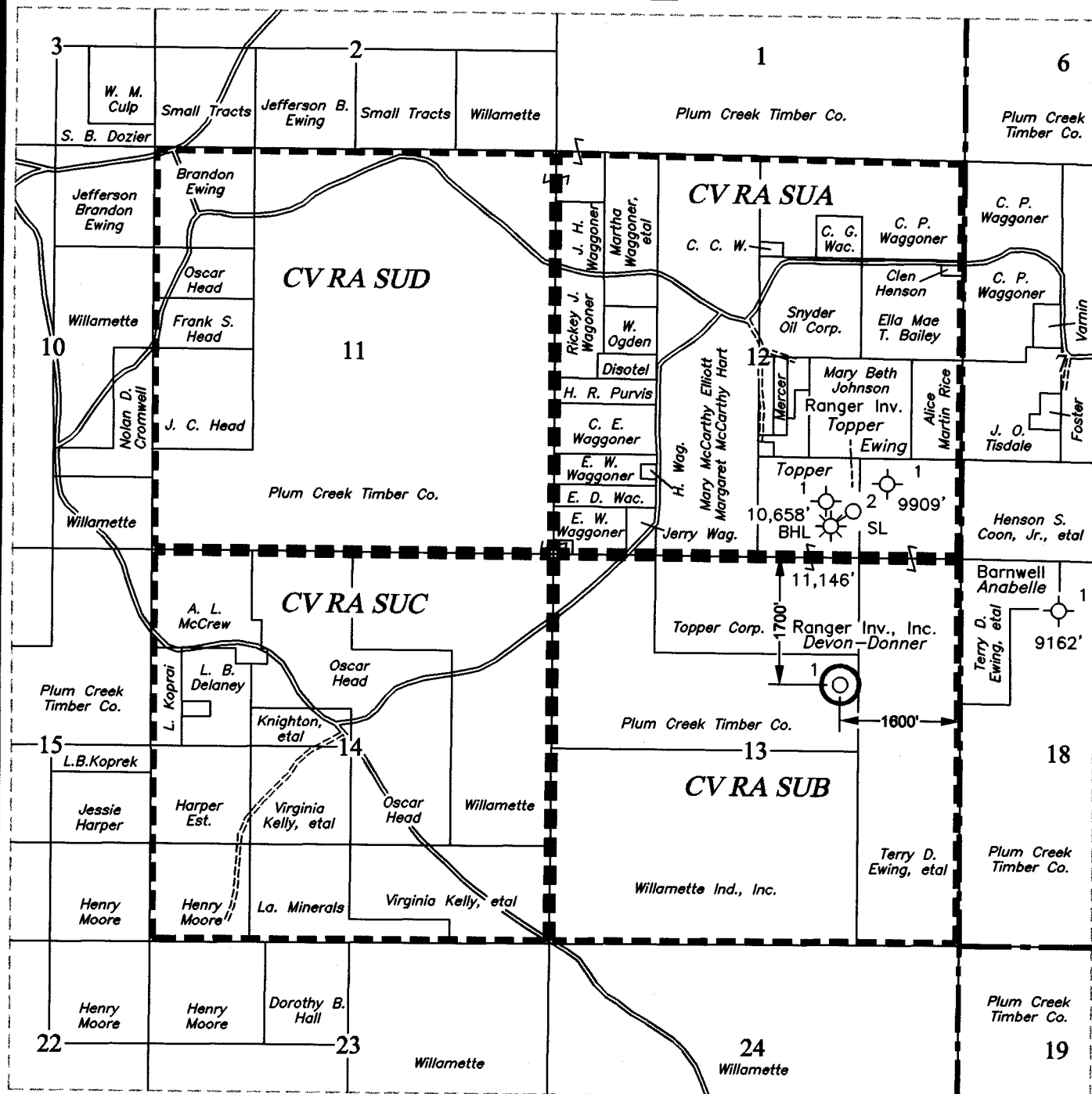
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Enclosures

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PROPOSED UNITS



PROPOSED UNIT WELL

RANGER INVESTMENTS, INC.
LONGVIEW, TEXAS

EAST CHATHAM FIELD
JACKSON PARISH, LOUISIANA
UNIT PLAT
COTTON VALLEY FORMATION
RESERVOIR A

0 2000' 4000' 1 Mile

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Re: APPLICATION FOR PUBLIC HEARING

Cotton Valley Formation, Reservoir A, EAST
CHATHAM FIELD, Jackson Parish, Louisiana.

Dear Sir:

RANGER INVESTMENTS, INC. ("Applicant"), hereby respectfully applies for a public hearing to consider evidence relative to the issuance of an Order pertaining to the following matters relating to the Cotton Valley Formation, Reservoir A, in the East Chatham Field, Jackson Parish, Louisiana:

1. To establish rules and regulations governing the exploration for and production of gas and condensate from the Cotton Valley Formation, Reservoir A.
2. To create four (4) drilling and production units for the exploration for and production of gas and condensate from the Cotton Valley Formation, Reservoir A, such units being designated CV RA SUA through CV RA SUD and being shown on the attached plat.
3. To force pool and integrate all separately owned tracts, mineral leases and other property interests within the proposed units with each separate tract sharing in unit production on a surface acreage basis of participation.
4. To designate a unit operator of, and unit well for, the proposed units as may be appropriate.
5. To provide that future wells drilled to the Cotton Valley Formation within or outside of the units proposed herein be located in accordance with the provisions of Statewide Order No. 29-E.

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6. To approve the downhole combination of production from the Cotton Valley Formation and the Hosston Formation in the wellbore of the Ranger Investments, Inc.--Devon-Donner 13 No. 1 Well and in the wellbore of other wells drilled on the proposed units in which the ownership interest in the Cotton Valley Formation is identical to the ownership interest in the Hosston Formation.

7. To define the Cotton Valley Formation, Reservoir A, as that gas and condensate bearing interval encountered between the measured depths of 10,983' and 11,058' in the Ranger Investments, Inc.--Devon-Donner 13 No. 1 Well, located in the Southeast Quarter (SE 1/4) of Section 13, Township 15 North, Range 1 East, Jackson Parish, Louisiana.

8. To consider such other matters as may be pertinent.

Pertinent data concerning this application is available for inspection at the offices of Ranger Investments, Inc., 107 Community Bank, Suite 2, Longview, Texas 75605. Any person wishing to inspect such data should call Mr. Damian Luke at (903) 758-7644 during normal business hours in order to arrange a date and time for such inspection. A copy of any such pertinent data which is not otherwise available from the records of the Louisiana Office of Conservation can be obtained from Mr. Luke at the expense of the requesting party.

Applicant has heretofore received from you a waiver of the pre-application notice requirements and Rule 3 of the Revised Rules of Procedure effective October 11, 1983; and, therefore, Applicant has not considered such requirements applicable.

Pursuant to the Revised Rules of Procedure, Applicant has made a reasonable effort to obtain the names and addresses of all Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties to whom notice of this application is being sent and has attached hereto a list of the names and addresses of such parties. A copy of the unit plat is enclosed herewith and a copy of this letter and of the attached plat is being sent to the District Manager of the Shreveport District of the Office of Conservation and to the Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties as shown on the attached list. If any of these parties desire to confer with Applicant concerning these proposals, they are hereby notified that a conference will be held at 10:00 A.M. on May 2, 2003, at the offices of the undersigned. Any person intending to attend the conference is requested to so notify the undersigned at (318) 429-7200.

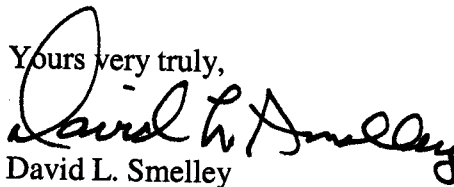
Applicant will provide for posting of a copy of the Legal Notice of this hearing and the enclosed plat at a prominent place in the area affected and will cause publication of the Legal Notice in a newspaper published in the general area of East Chatham Field, all in accordance with the Revised Rules of Procedure. Furthermore, a copy of the Legal Notice will be mailed to all

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Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties promptly upon receipt of the Legal Notice from the Commissioner.

Finally, we enclose our check payable to the Commissioner of Conservation for the application fee.

Yours very truly,



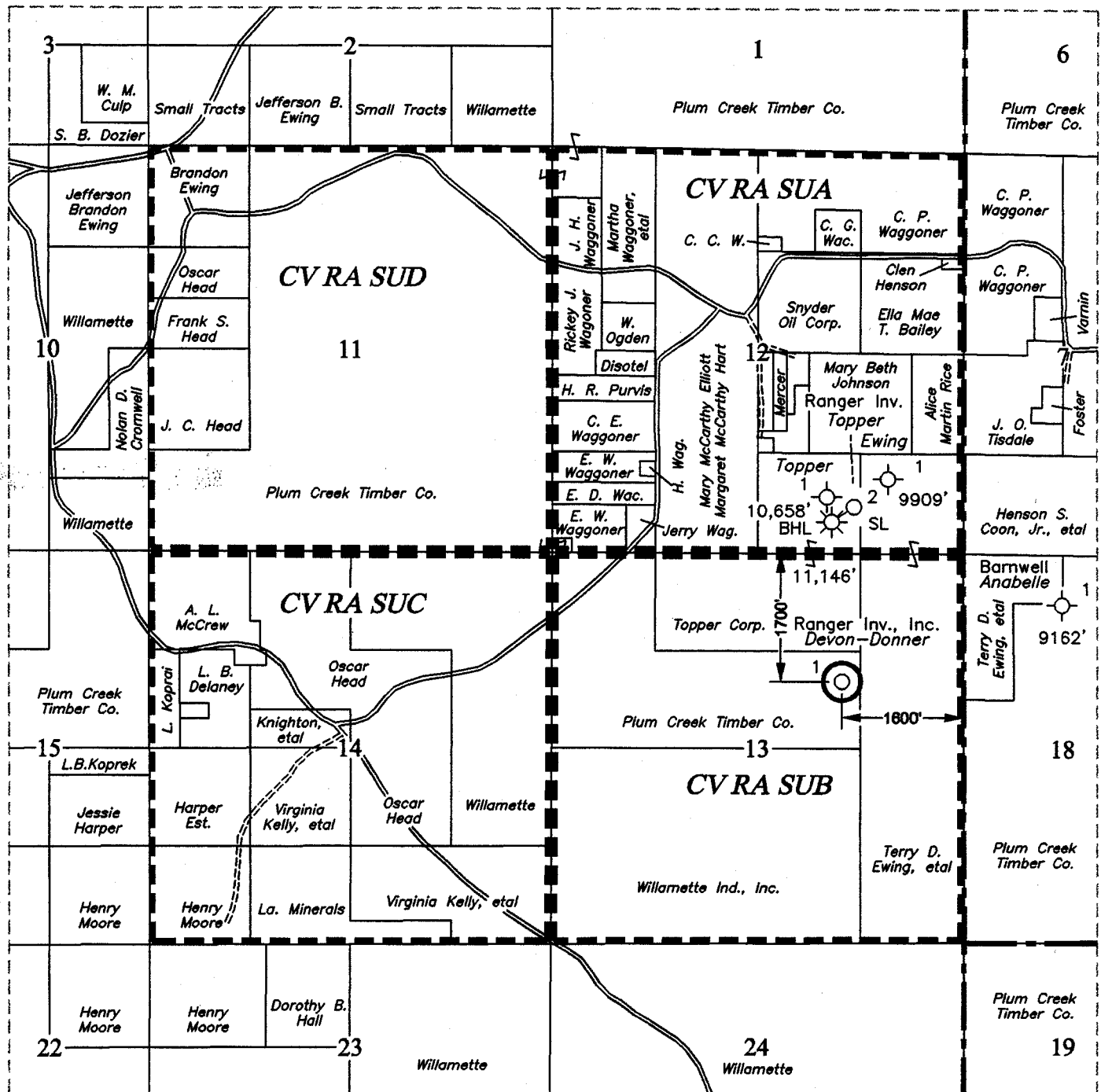
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-- Attorney for Ranger Investments, Inc.

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Interested Owners, Represented
Parties and Interested Parties (w/plat only)

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